



Noble

Originally known as County “P,” the area was part of the original Cherokee Outlet and was opened for settlement by the land run on September 16, 1893. The county’s name came from Secretary of Interior John W. Noble.

The main source of income in Noble County is derived from agriculture and its character remains primarily rural. Industry consists of the Charles Machine Works, Inc., the world’s largest manufacturer of service line trenchers, located in Perry, the county seat. Also located in Perry are: the Cherokee Strip Museum, the Stage Coach Community Theater, the Perry Memorial Hospital, and a YMCA.

Noble County has seen several of its sons gain state and national office: two governors, Henry S. Johnston and Henry Bellmon; U.S. congressmen Manuel Herrick and Dick T. Morgan; and U. S. Senator Henry Bellmon.

Several books have been written about Noble County. They include *History of Noble County, First Generation, History of Perry, and Perry Pride of the Prairie*. Two historical societies, Billings Historical Society and Noble County Cherokee Strip Historical Society, are located in the county. Annual events include the Cherokee Strip Celebration on September 17, Wheatheart Festival in September, and the Otoe Powwow in July. For more information, call the county clerk’s office at 580/336-2141.

Districts

County Officials

Cong. 3	Court Clerk	Marilyn M. Mills (D)	Perry
St. Sen. 20	Clerk	Ronita Coldiron (D)	Perry
St. Rep. 35, 38	Sheriff	Charlie Hanger (D)	Perry
D.A. 8	Treasurer	Rita Howry (R)	Perry
Ct. of Appeals 5	Assessor	Mary Moore (D)	Perry
Ct. of Crim. Appeals... 2	Elect. Brd. Sec.	Helen F. Webb (D)	Perry
Supreme Ct. Jud. 8	Dist. 1 Comm.	Mark Sanders (R)	Red Rock
N.Cent. Jud. Adm. 8	Dist. 2 Comm.	Dean Courtright (D)	Perry
	Dist. 3 Comm.	James Gregg (D)	Lucien

Property Valuations

	2003-2004 Assessment	2004-2005 Assessment	Increase or Decrease
Real Estate and Improvement	\$37,206,714	\$38,184,705	\$977,991
Personal Subject to Tax	\$11,719,810	\$12,990,497	\$1,270,687
Total Locally Assessed	\$48,926,524	\$51,175,202	\$2,248,678
Homestead Exemptions Allowed	\$2,927,175	\$2,893,591	(\$33,584)
Net Assessed Locally	\$45,999,349	\$48,281,611	\$2,282,262
Public Service Assessment	\$68,863,437	\$67,671,918	(\$1,191,519)
Net Assessed Valuation	\$114,862,786	\$115,953,529	\$1,090,743

County Seat—Perry (Pop. 5,138) 2003 Estimate
Area (Land & Water)—742.44 square miles
Per Capita Income (2003)—\$22,438 (Ranks 36th of 77 counties)
Population Stats (2000)—Fem.—5,781, Male—5,630 • **Ethnicity**—
 Wh.—9,786; Bl.—179; Am. Ind.—849; As.—38; Other—2; Pacific Is.—2;
 Two or more races—350; Hisp.—205
Births (2003)—171 • **Deaths (2003)**—141
Unemployment Rate (2003)—3.8%
Labor Force (2003)—5,320
Number of Establishments (2002)—211
Number of Manufacturers (2002)—12
Public Assistance Payments (FY2004)—\$144,532
 TANF—\$37,562 • Supplements —Aged—\$23,780; Blind—
 \$986; Disabled—\$82,204
Vehicle Registration (2004)—Automobiles—8,779;
 Farm Trucks—1,812; Comm. Trucks, Tractors,
 Trailers—646; Motor Homes and Travel Trailers—382;
 Motorcycles—250; Manufactured Homes—21; Tax
 Exempt Licenses—21; Boats—1,036
Crime Incidents (2003)—Murder—0; Rape—0; Robbery—
 1; Fel. Assault—3; Breaking and Entering—47; Larceny—
 108; Motor Vehicle Theft—11; Arson—2 • Total Crime
 Index—170; Crime Rate per 1,000—14.95
Farms (2002)—766 • **Land in Farms (2002)**—395,344

County Population	
1907 (Okla. Terr.)	14,198
1910	14,495
1920	13,560
1930	15,119
1940	14,826
1950	12,156
1960	10,376
1970	10,043
1980	11,573
1990	11,045
2000	11,411
2004 Estimate	11,233

Major Stream Systems—Black Bear and Red Rock creeks, Salt Fork of Arkansas River, and some tributaries to the Cimarron
Museums and Historic Sites—Cherokee Strip Museum, Henry S. Johnston Library, Perry
Minerals—oil and gas, crushed stone

